

## House Resolution No. 2879

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to recognize a Show-Me State high school athletic program whose members truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, Kickapoo High School Girls Basketball Team players of Springfield, Missouri, recently distinguished themselves by taking First Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 5 State Championship held March 15, 2003, at the Hearnes Center in Columbia; and

**Whereas**, the Kickapoo Lady Chiefs triumphed over St. Joseph's Academy of St. Louis by a score of 51-46 during an exciting, hard-fought game that was highlighted by the team's ability to overcome their opponent with the incredible skill and talent for which they are known; and

**Whereas**, the State Champion Lady Chiefs finished the 2002-2003 season with an impressive record of 31 wins and no losses and an exceptional two-year record of 56-3; and

**Whereas**, the Lady Chiefs could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the unparalleled leadership provided by Head Coach Stephanie Phillips and her Assistant Coaches, Jim Pendergrass, Debbie Downs, Susan Braughton, and Katrina Polnick; and

**Whereas**, the Kickapoo Lady Chiefs basketball program fielded a 2003 team which was the undefeated Ozark Conference champion and which won the Fort Smith Tournament of Champions, KTXR Lady Classic, and Lebanon Invitational; and

**Whereas**, fellow students, faculty, and staff of Kickapoo High School, parents, and the entire community of Kickapoo are exceedingly proud of the Lady Chiefs for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals; and

**Whereas**, Kickapoo High School in 2003 became the first school to sweep large-school state championships in twenty-five years:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contributions made by the Lady Chiefs basketball program on behalf of high school sports in Missouri and to extend to its players and coaches this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on May 15, 2003, for special recognition as guests in the House Chamber; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the "Outstanding Missourians" making up the Kickapoo High School Lady Chiefs basketball team of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative B.J. Marsh  
District No. 136  
Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 2879, adopted May 14, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker